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Inventor(s): AOKI, Chieko  
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For: TIRE NOISE REDUCING SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

X A specification consisting of 14 pages

X 9 sheet(s) of formal drawings

X An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee

     Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

X Executed Declaration X Original      Photocopy

     Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27

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